

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/841,373

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to May 3rd, 2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-5.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on March 12th, 2002 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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 - * Certified copies not received: _____.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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DETAILED ACTION

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Anthony W Karambelas on June 27th, 2004.

The application has been amended as follows:

On page 3 line 34 of the specifications, please erase ***aft deck 14*** from the specifications.

Amend claims 1 and 5 as requested below:

Claim 1 (Amended):

A spacecraft radiator system for use on a spacecraft having a body and a plurality of solar arrays, the system comprising:

first and second opposite facing payload radiators;

first and second opposite facing deployable radiators; and one or more coupling or loop heat pipes extending across the body of the spacecraft to connect the opposing payload and deployable radiators, wherein the opposing payload and deployable radiators act in tandem to minimize the amount of solar load.

Claim 5 (Amended)

A space craft heat dissipation method comprising the steps of:

configuring a space craft to have a body, a plurality of solar arrays, first and second opposite facing payload radiators, first and second opposite facing deployable radiators, and one

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or more coupling or loop heat pipes extending across the body of the spacecraft to connect the opposing payload and deployable radiators, wherein the opposing payload and deployable radiators act in tandem to minimize the amount of solar load;

launching the spacecraft into orbit.

Reason for Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Claims 1 through 5 of application number 09/841373 are allowable over the prior art of record in that the spacecraft radiator system for use on a spacecraft having a body and a plurality of solar arrays, the system comprises first and second opposite facing payload radiators; first and second opposite facing deployable radiators; and one or more coupling or loop heat pipes extending across the body of the spacecraft to connect the opposing payload and deployable radiators, wherein the opposing payload and deployable radiators act in tandem to minimize the amount of solar load.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

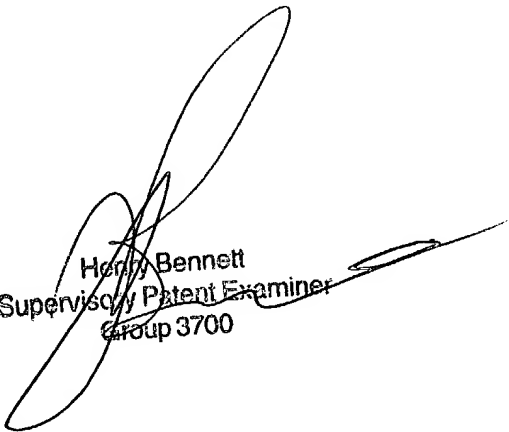
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nihir Patel whose telephone number is (703) 306-3463. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30 to 4:30 every other Fridays off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Henry Bennett can be reached on 703-308-0101. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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